



FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Meeting Date: April 23, 2008

Time public meeting began: 7:30 P.M.

Time Public hearing began: 7:30 P.M.

Finance Committee

Doris Metivier, Co-Chairman

Sue A. Robbins, Co-Chairman

Dave Ross, Vice Chairman

Bob Foley, Clerk

Fred Churchill

Don Davison

Sandy Merrill

Gary Murray

Meeting Date: April 23, 2008

The public meeting and public hearing of the Finance Committee was called to order at 7:35 P.M.

Finance Committee members present:

Doris Metivier, Sue Robbins, Dave Ross, Bob Foley, Don Davison, Sandy Merrill, Gary Murray.

Finance Committee members absent:

Fred Churchill

Articles that need to be revisited to complete the warrants review:

3,4,5,6,7,10,15,16,21, 22, 23,26,28,38,39, 40,43, 45, 46,47, 48, and the complete

Special Town Meeting warrant.

Town Administrator Natalie Lashmit is present to review the warrants with the Finance Committee.

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The Warrant prepared for the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2008:

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 1.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 1

4/22/2008 Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1.

Finance Committee supports the appointment of the nominees for the positions of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library Trustees.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2.

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 2

4/22/2008 Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 2

Finance Committee recommends acceptance of these reports.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3.

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 3

4/23/2008 Assignment: Don Davison

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3.

This article provides the funds necessary to send our students to Blackstone for the upcoming year. We note with pleasure that the sum per student requested is a substantially reduced amount from last year's.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4.

Seconded: Sandy Merrill. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 4

4/23/2008 Assignment: Don Davison

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4 in the amount of \$73,857.00.

The amount requested represents the town's ongoing commitment to the Blackstone Valley facility expansion and the programs that it provides to our students.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 5.

Seconded: Sandy Merrill. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 5

4/23/2008 Assignment: Don Davison

The transfer recommended in this article will ensure that in the future the town will be in a position to fund our debt obligation to Valley Tech through fiscal year 2011.

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4/23/2008 Voted and blurb created

4/22/2008 Needs vote Reviewed 4/17/2008

4/17/2008 Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 6.

No Second.

Don Davison withdrew his motion.

***Assignment: Fred Churchill**

Article 6

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 6.

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 6 in the amount of \$311,429.00 This article allows for the funding of the union and non-union raises and cost of living allowances for FY09. This article allows the Board of Selectmen to enter into collective bargaining with municipal unions.

Voted 4/22/2008

4/22/2008 Needs vote (Reviewed 4/17/2008)

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 7.

Seconded: Dave Ross. Motion carries.

Aye: Doris Metivier, Sue Robbins, Dave Ross, Fred Churchill, Don Davison, Sandy Merrill.

Naye: Bob Foley, Gary Murray

4/23/2008 Assignment: Sandy Merrill

Article 7

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7.

Finance Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Personnel Board and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Voted 4/17/2008

Article 8

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 8 in the amount of \$38,104,378.00

Seconded: Fred Churchill. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/22/08 Assignment: Dave Ross

Article 8

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8 in the amount of \$38,104,378.00.

The Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Town Administrator, the School Committee, Department Heads, Boards and Commissions, has worked extremely hard these past couple of months to develop and bring forth an equitable and balanced budget for fiscal 2009. The budget process has been challenging for all parties as not only is revenue growth slowing, but healthcare, retirement and sanitation costs are rising. The proposed FY09 budget listed in this article is a 3.74% or \$1,372,834 increase over prior year – of which healthcare, retirement and sanitation account for \$980,189 or 71.4% of

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the total increase. These town wide costs put the town in a difficult situation, forcing departments to put new hires, new equipment and new supplies on hold. This proposed budget will mean the elimination of existing positions on both the municipal and school sides, unfortunately we, as a town, must control our spending as much as possible, for FY10 and possibly FY11 will be even more challenging financial years for Grafton.

Voted 4/17/2008

Article 9

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9 in the amount of \$2,342,800.00 with the following funding sources: Chapter 90 funds in the amount of \$1,250,000.00,; Sewer Free Cash in the amount of \$455,000.00; the Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$637,800.00.

Seconded: Fred Churchill. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/22/08 Assignment Dave Ross

Article 9

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9 in the amount of \$2,342,800.00.

This capital budget will fund the listed projects with the following funding sources:

Chapter 90 Funds	\$1,250,000.00
Sewer Free Cash	\$455,000.00
Stabilization Fund	\$637,800.00

Chapter 90 Funds are received from the State under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill and can only be used on infrastructure projects – for FY09 these projects are Reconstruct North Street, Reconstruct Willard Street and Brigham Hill Drainage

4/23/2008 Voted

4/22/2008 Needs vote (Reviewed 4/17/2008)

4/23/2008 Assignment: Bob Foley

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 10 in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 10

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 10.

This article will allow the Town to fulfill its obligation for anticipated unemployment compensation.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 11.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 11

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 11.

This article is routine annual business. There is no change in the rate from last year.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 12.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

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Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 12

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 12.

This article is routine annual business. There is no change in the rate from last year.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 13.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 13

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13.

This article allows the Board of Selectmen to conduct routine Town business.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 14

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 14

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14.

Since we are so fortunate as to have a Call Fire Department, it is important that the Town protect the wages of our fire fighters in case of injury while in service to the Town by paying them, while disabled, 75% of their regular wages. The Finance Committee concurs with the Board of Selectmen that this article not exceed \$1,000.00.

4/23/2008 Voted

4/22/2008 Needs vote (Reviewed 4/17/2008)

***Assignment: Gary Murray**

Article 15

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 15.

Seconded Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 15.

Sufficient information has not been presented to the Finance Committee.

If all the information is compiled prior to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee will reserve the right to reconsider their vote.

4/23/2008 Voted

4/22/2008 Needs vote (Reviewed 4/17/2008)

4/23/2008 Assignment: Don Davison

Article 16

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16.

Seconded: Gary Murray. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16

This article is an annual expense that provides our seniors with vital transportation that they would otherwise be unable to secure on their own.

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Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 17.

Seconded: Fred Churchill. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 17

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 17 in the amount of \$2,700.00

These funds will be used to maintain the Common in the future. Since maintenance is an ongoing project on the Town's Common, placing the funds in a warrant article is a fiscally prudent manner to handle these projects.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 18 as listed.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 18

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 18.

Finance Committee accepts the list of hydrants from the Grafton Water District.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 19 as listed.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 19

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 19.

Finance Committee accepts the list of hydrants from the South Grafton Water District.

Voted 4/22/2008

4/22/2008 Needs vote (Reviewed 4/17/2008) What is bondable?

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 20.

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries.

***Assignment: Gary Murray**

Article 20

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 20.

This authorization if required by the Massachusetts School Building Authority in order to proceed with a Feasibility Study, including an Owners project Manager. Completion of the study is the only way to determine a reimbursable solution to the Town's school space needs.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 21.

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/22/2008 Assignment: Fred Churchill

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Article 21

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 22.

This easement will allow the Town to do necessary drainage work on Willard Street.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 22.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/22/2008 Assignment: Fred Churchill

Article 22

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 22.

This easement will allow the Town to do necessary drainage work on Willard Street.

4/23/2008 Voted

4/22/2008 Needs vote (Reviewed 4/17/2008)

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 23.

No Second.

Don Davison withdrew his motion.

***Assignment: Sandy Merrill**

Article 23

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 23.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 23.

MGL Chapter 32B, Section 18 is a local option statute that requires all Medicare eligible retirees of a municipality to enroll in a Medicare health insurance plan. This allows a portion of the health insurance cost to be shifted to the federal Medicare program.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 24.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 24

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 24.

This article reauthorizes the revolving fund that will allow the Town to receive rents and pay expenses connected with managing the "Old Town Hall".

Voted 4/22/2008

4/22/2008 Needs Vote (reviewed 4/17/2008)

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 25 not to exceed \$11,000.00

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/22/08 Assignment: Dave Ross

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Article 25

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 25 not to exceed \$11,000.00. These funds will allow the town to hire a third party vendor to process Medicaid claim forms for school department employees. The projected revenue to the town from this work is estimated to be in the range of \$145,000 for FY09.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 26.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/23/2007 Assignment: Bob Foley

Article 26

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 26.

The Finance Committee recommends passage of article 26. This article will allow the Board of Health to operate more efficiently and effectively. This action will reflect a financial impact of \$600.00 to the Town's FY09 operating budget.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 27.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 27

This article allows the Board of Health to establish a revolving account to receive payment from Medicare or a third party provider for the distribution of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 28.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

***Assignment: Gary Murray**

Article 28

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 28.

This article will provide the Town the ability to fund revaluation services required by the Department of Revenue.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 29.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 29

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 29.

This article allows the Town to receive Chapter 90 funds as a reimbursement for projects accepted by the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill.

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Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 30.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 30

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 30.

This article allows the School Department to maintain a revolving account for the purpose of receiving payment from other school districts interested in attending our Staff Training Workshops.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 31.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 31

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 31.

This article allows the School Department to maintain a revolving account for the purpose of receiving payment for tuition collected from participants in the Early Childhood Program.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 32.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 32

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 32.

This article reauthorizes a revolving fund to receive payments for out of district student transportation.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 33.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 33

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 33.

This article is a routine authorization that allows the Council on Aging to meet the transportation requirement of our seniors.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 34.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

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Article 34

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 34.

This article reauthorizes a revolving fund to receive outside payments for Fire Sprinkler System Review.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 35.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 35

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 35 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

These funds will be used by the Department of Public Works for various sidewalk projects within the Town.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 36.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 36

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 30 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

These funds will be used by the Department of Public Works for various drainage projects within the Town.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 37.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 37

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 37.

This article is a routine procedural article necessary to set aside Community Preservation funds for current operating and administrative budgets.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 38.

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/23/2008 Assignment: Don Davison

Article 38

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 38.

This article will allow CPC extra time to accomplish the registration.

Voted 4/22/2008

4/22/2008 Needs Vote (reviewed 4/17/2008)

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 39.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/22/2008 Assignment: Fred Churchill

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Article 39

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 39.

There is a time limit of 2 to 4 months to act on new "affordable housing". These funds are being added to an existing fund so that the Committee can act quickly when "affordable housing" becomes available. This article satisfies the minimum affordable housing component of the CPC program.

Voted 4/22/2008

4/22/2008 Needs Vote (reviewed 4/17/2008)

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 40.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/23/2008 Assignment: Sandy Merrill

Article 40

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 40

This article provides funding for completion of exterior historical restoration work of the South Grafton Community House. The CPA (Community Preservation Act) is the source of funds for historical preservation.

Voted 4/22/2008

4/22/2008 Needs Vote (reviewed 4/17/2008)

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 41.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/23/2008 Assignment: Bob Foley

Article 41

The Finance Committee recommends passage of article 41.

This article will help to complete the roof replacement of 1 Grafton Common thereby protecting and preserving one of the town's major historical assets.

Voted 4/22/2008

4/22/2008 Needs Vote (reviewed 4/17/2008)

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 42.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

***Assignment: Gary Murray**

Article 42

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 42.

These funds will be used to complete the Riverview Park Development. Funds in the amount of \$239,000.00 have already been set aside for this projects. This article will satisfy the necessary funds needed to complete the \$380,000.00 estimated cost of this project.

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Voted 4/22/2008

4/22/2008 Needs Vote (reviewed 4/17/2008)

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 43.

No Second.

Bob Foley withdrew his motion.

Voted 4/22/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 43.

Seconded: Gary Murray. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/23/2008 Assignment: Don Davison

Article 43

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 43

There has been an error in the wording of the deed instrument. The original intent was to deed the property to the care of Conservation. This article is intended to correct the situation.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 44.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assignment: Susan Fiacco

Article 44

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 44.

This article allows the reauthorization of a revolving fund necessary for the Conservation Commission to conduct routine business.

Voted 4/17/2008

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 45.

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/22/2008 Assignment: Fred Churchill

Article 45

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 45.

This article adjusts the Wetlands Protection By-Law to conform with the zoning code.

Voted 4/22/2008

4/22/2008 Needs Vote (reviewed 4/17/2008)

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 46.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/23/2008 Assignment: Sandy Merrill

Article 46

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 46.

Sufficient information has not been presented to the Finance Committee. If all the information is compiled prior to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee will reserve the right to reconsider the vote.

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Voted 4/22/2008

4/22/2008 Needs Vote (reviewed 4/17/2008)

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 47.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

4/23/2008 Assignment: Bob Foley

Article 47

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 47.

Sufficient information has not been presented to the Finance Committee. If all the information is compiled prior to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee will reserve the right to reconsider the vote.

4/23/2008 Voted

Article 48

Stabilization Fund

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 48 in the amount of
The article allows the Town to add this amount to our reserves for future major expenses.

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 48.

Seconded: Gary Murray.

Discussion.

Don Davison withdrew his motion.

Gary Murray withdrew his second.

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee pass over Article 48.

Seconded: Bob Foley.

Discussion. This article can be placed on the Fall warrant.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends pass over of Article 48.

Special Town Meeting warrant prepared for May 12, 2008 Town Meeting:

Received 4/23/2008

Article 1

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1.

This article allows the Treasurer/Collector to pay for a contracted service.

Article 2

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2.

Seconded: Gary Murray. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2.

This expense is incurred every year and represents the deficit incurred this past winter.

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Article 3

Motion; Dave Ross moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3.

The rising costs of fuel have exceeded the FY08 budget expectations, therefore, require a transfer for the remainder of FY08.

Article 4

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4.

Seconded: Gary Murray. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4.

This article allows a transfer to fund DEP mandates for the Follette Street well.

Article 5

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 5.

Seconded: Bob Foley.

Discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 5.

This article will fund the Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion election expected to be held on June 23, 2008.

Article 6

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 6.

Seconded: Bob Foley.

Discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 6.

The purchase of mowers is generally considered as part of the Capital Budget.

Article 7

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7.

Seconded: Sandy Merrill.

Discussion All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7.

This article funds additional legal fees for ongoing legal cases involving the Town in FY08.

Article 8

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

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Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8.

This article funds the Fire Department retirement account for any fire department personnel who retires after 10 years of service.

Article 9

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9.

This article reimburses the State Board of Retirement for benefits paid to Alden Bull, Sr. a former worker fo the Town of Grafton.

Article 10

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 10.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 10.

Sufficient information has not been presented to the Finance Committee.

If all the information is compiled prior to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee will reserve the right to reconsider their vote.

Article 11

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 11.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 11.

Sufficient information has not been presented to the Finance Committee.

If all the information is compiled prior to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee will reserve the right to reconsider their vote.

Article 12

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 12.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 12.

Sufficient information has not been presented to the Finance Committee.

If all the information is compiled prior to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee will reserve the right to reconsider their vote.

Article 13

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

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Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13.
This article allows the reimbursement of funds to the Reserve Fund.

Article 14

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14.

Seconded: Gary Murray.

Discussion. Motion carries with 1 opposed: Don Davison.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14.
Not only is the safety of the citizens of Grafton paramount, the State has mandated the complete evaluation of its dams. Any town found not in compliance with the inspections face substantial fines.

Article 15

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 15.

Seconded: Dave Ross.

Discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 15.
This article allows for designation of the specified insurance proceeds for repair of the water damage at the High School.

Article 16

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16.
This article will allow the Nelson Library to transfer funds from a roof repair project that came in under budget. These funds will now be used for necessary repair and maintenance.

Article 17

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 17.

Seconded: Don Davison.

Discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb:

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 17.
This transfer will allow for custodial service provided by a contract service due to the long term absence of the regular custodian.

Finance Committee

Sandy Merrill will be away May 11 and May 12, 2008.

Dave Ross and Sue Robbins will be renewing their 3 year Finance Committee term.

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Adjournment

Public Hearing

Motion: Sandy Merrill moved that the Finance Committee close its public hearing.

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Meeting

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee close its public meeting.

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries.

The public hearing and public meeting of the Finance Committee adjourned at 9:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco